

NOW BEFORE THE SENATE

The Canal Bill Reported Favorably Without Amendment.

The Hepburn Proposition for an American Isthmian Waterway Saved From Committee Burial by the Vote of Senator McBridge-Victory for Morgan and Defeat for Hanna.

The Senate Committee on Inter-Oceanic Canals yesterday, by a majority vote, decided to report favorably and without amendment, the Hepburn Nicaragua Canal bill, providing for the construction of a waterway between the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. This result was effected after three hours' deliberation and was brought about by the vote of Senator McBridge of Oregon, who voted with the Democrats in favor of an American isthmian waterway and against the forces headed by Senator Hanna.

Senator Morgan, chairman of the committee, immediately reported the bill to the Senate and it was placed on the calendar.

Senator Morgan was during the day the recipient of many congratulations on his success in bringing the bill out of committee. The friends of the measure will rush it to a vote in the Senate, and express themselves as confident of its passage. The action of Senator McBridge in voting with the Democrats is regarded as a direct thrust at Senator Hanna and his methods.

The bill as reported follows: "Section 1.—That the President of the United States be, and he is hereby, authorized to acquire from the States of Costa Rica and Nicaragua, or from the Republic of the United States, control of such portion of territory now belonging to Costa Rica and Nicaragua as may be desirable and necessary on which to excavate, construct, and protect a canal as may be sufficient, for the movements of ships of the greatest tonnage and draft now in use, from a point near Greytown, on the Caribbean Sea, via Lake Nicaragua, to Breto, on the Pacific Ocean; and such sum as may be necessary to secure such control is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

"Section 2.—That when the President has secured full control over the territory in section 1 referred to, he shall direct the Secretary of War to excavate and construct a canal and waterway from a point on the shore of the Caribbean Sea, near Greytown, by way of Lake Nicaragua, to a point near Breto, on the Pacific Ocean. Such canal shall be of sufficient capacity and depth as that it may be used by vessels of the largest tonnage and greatest draft now in use, and shall be supplied with all necessary locks and other appliances to meet the necessities of vessels passing from Greytown to Breto; and the Secretary of War shall also construct such safe and commodious harbors at the termini of said canal, and such provisions for defense, as may be necessary for the safety and protection of said canal and harbors.

"Section 3.—That the President shall cause such surveys as may be necessary for said canal and harbors and in the construction of the same, and employ such persons as he may deem necessary.

"Section 4.—That in the excavation and construction of said canal the San Juan River and Lake Nicaragua, or such parts of each as may be made available, shall be used.

"Section 5.—That in any negotiations with the States of Costa Rica or Nicaragua the President may have the President is authorized to guarantee to said States the use of said canal and harbors, upon such terms as may be agreed upon, for all vessels owned by said States or by citizens thereof.

"That the sum of \$10,000,000 is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, toward the project herein contemplated and the Secretary of War is authorized to enter into a contract or contracts for materials and work that may be deemed necessary for the proper excavation, construction, defense, and completion of said canal, and for the use of appropriations may from time to time be hereafter made, not to exceed in the aggregate \$10,000,000."

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LICENSES OF PHARMACISTS.

Bill Authorizing the Examination of Homeopathic Applicants.

The fact was discovered some months ago that there was no legal way to license homeopathic pharmacists in the District of Columbia under existing laws, though they had made the required deposit and were willing to submit to examination therefor.

To obviate the omission in the license laws of the District Commissioner Wight suggested the introduction of a bill in Congress the passage of which should give the Commissioners the authority to license homeopathic pharmacists as well as those of the allopathic school. Following up the suggestion of Mr. Wight, a bill was prepared, introduced in the Senate, and referred to the Commissioners for consideration and report. The Attorney for the District in submitting an opinion on the bill declared it to be in proper form and advised its passage.

Dr. William C. Woodward, the Health Officer, in reporting his views on the subject, said that so far as he knew the Commissioners of the District, at present organized, are not prepared to examine applicants for registration as homeopathic pharmacists in accordance with the tenets of homeopathy, nor does the college of homeopathy pharmacists qualify them to pass examinations such as are given to druggists generally.

In accordance with these facts Dr. Woodward recommended to the Commissioners that the bill be sent to the Senate Committee on the District of Columbia with a favorable report. Dr. Woodward, however, further suggested that the bill be referred to the Commissioners of Pharmacy of the District for an expression of opinion before final action should be taken.

The Commissioners of Pharmacy, after ordering for a few amendments, calculated to improve the wording of the measure, recommended that its passage be sought by the Commissioners of the District. Commissioner Macfarland has advised his associates that a favorable report on the bill be sent to the Senate Committee on the District of Columbia and that he requested a view of the measure in which it is expected his associates will concur.

THE CENTRAL LABOR UNION.

Rumors Concerning the Building Trades Council Split.

A full quota of delegates, representing forty-five trades unionist organizations, attended the meeting of the Central Labor Union held last evening at Typographical Temple. Representatives from the Typographical Union, the Carpenters' Union, and the Plumbers' Union were received and obligated.

After the meeting it was stated that a letter had been received by Milford Spohn from Henry W. Steinbliss, Secretary of the National Building Trades Council, stating that the national body will refuse to recognize the organization which meets weekly at Costello's Hall as a legitimate building trades council.

In order to force a settlement of the trouble among the local building trades it is understood that action will be taken by the Central Labor Union to refuse to admit to its membership representatives from any union affiliated with the building trades organization referred to, which meets at Costello's Hall.

A formal delegation representing the trades council organized last week at Typographical Temple will be recognized by the union.

It was stated that a committee was appointed to gather data in relation to the management of the proving grounds at Indian Head by Supt. S. W. Lloyd, with a view of preferring charges against him. The Legislative Committee was instructed to use their best efforts to hasten the matter of the proposed increase in the number of local building inspectors.

Resolutions of sympathy and respect were adopted on the death of Archibald McArthur, who died Friday at Garfield Hospital and was buried yesterday at Glenwood Cemetery.

A PUGILISTIC REVIVAL.

The Jeffries-Corbett Fight Causes a Renewed Interest.

NEW YORK, May 14.—There is a chance for several important heavy weight fights to be arranged in the near future. Champion Jeffries has announced through his manager, William A. Brady, that he will take on Corbett, Sharkey, Fitzsimmons, McCoy, Rubin, and Maher, first come first served. Jeffries says he will fight Corbett again a week from next Monday before any club and bet him \$10,000 to \$5,000 that he can duplicate the trick of last Friday night.

The champion also declares that if Fitzsimmons defeats Rubin he will make a match with Corbett. In the event of a win by Corbett, the champion—65 per cent of the purse to Jeffries, win or lose. Fitzsimmons, on the other hand, says he will fight Jeffries, winner take all.

The rejuvenation of Corbett has caused all sorts of propositions. Not fifteen minutes after Jeffries had been declared winner last Friday night, the suggestion was made that a twenty-five-round fight between Corbett and Kid McCoy would prove an attraction. McCoy has a match on with Tom Sharkey, which will prevent a battle with Corbett for some time to come.

Jeffries has agreed to take Corbett on again in the near future, he said, a meeting should be an impossibility, then the sports would like to see Corbett tackle his old and bitter rival, Bob Fitzsimmons, provided, of course, the latter dispense of Gus Rubin next month. A meeting between Corbett and Fitzsimmons this summer would be of particular interest under existing conditions. In the event of a win by Corbett, the experts say, would not be any easy mark for Fitzsimmons, who is not considered to be the pugilist he was when he won there still another fight mapped out for Corbett—a mix-up with Tom Sharkey. When they met at the Lenox Athletic Club more than a year ago Corbett was away out of form, and was whipped when his second jumped into the ring in the ninth round. But as he is now, Corbett might be better able to take care of himself in front of the aggressive sportsman. It is argued that if Corbett it might take Sharkey longer, and possibly Jim might be able to stay the limit, in which event he would run an excellent chance of securing a victory on points.

District Guard Appointments.

The President has made appointments as follows: John Aloysius O'Neill, to be captain of Company A, Fourth Battalion, District Militia.

Amuel L. F. Piper, to be captain of Company B, First Separate Battalion, District Militia.

Louis Hester Patterson, to be first lieutenant, Company B, First Separate Battalion, District Militia.

Robert Lee Peyton, to be second lieutenant, Company B, First Separate Battalion, District Militia.

Francis Carroll Mattingly, to be first lieutenant in the Signal Corps of the District.

Pardoned by the President.

The President has pardoned Joseph Wilkins, undergoing a six months' sentence in a Quaker City prison for oleomargarine frauds. His sentence would have expired on the 28th of the month, and the remission in his sentence is equalized by the fact that he served a similar length of time in jail prior to going to the penitentiary. Much pressure has been used in his case.

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RUIN BROUGHT BY FIRE

The Washington Hydraulic Brick Company's Plant Destroyed.

Acres of Sheds Consumed by the Flames—Machinery Badly Damaged—Twelve Freight Cars of the Pennsylvania Road Burned—Loss Placed at Between \$50,000 and \$75,000.

Fire broke out shortly after 10 o'clock last night in the brick yards of the Washington Hydraulic Brick Company, located in Alexandria County, Va., about half a mile south of the Long Bridge. A loss amounting to thousands of dollars resulted, much property, including sheds and the whole plant of the brick company, together with a dozen freight cars of the Pennsylvania Railroad, being practically wrecked. For two hours the illumination was plainly visible in this city, and Engine Company No. 4, in Southwest Washington, was started to the scene of the fire. It returned when the location of the blaze was determined.

It was about 10 o'clock when the fire, the origin of which is unknown, was discovered. Persons in the vicinity of the brick yards gave the alarm, but no organized effort to stem the progress of the flames could be made. The sheds, containing the machinery, frame structures, burned with great rapidity, the stable, a substantial building built of brick, about 100 feet long and 20 feet wide, being the last to be destroyed. From the building where the fire originated, near the center of the burned area, the flames spread to other buildings, and within a short time almost the entire plant of the brick company was ablaze.

A large crowd, including residents of the city, attracted by the glare of the conflagration, and those residing in the vicinity of the yard, had gathered. Efforts were made to check the progress of the flames, but it was soon found that the lack of proper water facilities and the absence of engines gave the fire every advantage. All that could be done was to save what property was not in the direct path of the flames, and to this end many willing hands were directed. A quantity of straw, used for the purpose of making bricks, added fuel to the flames, which burned for more than two hours without interruption. Many horses and mules, the property of the brick company, were early removed from the stables.

When the conflagration was at its height the flames communicated with a dozen freight cars of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company standing on siding near the center of the yards. The dry timber of the cars burned quickly and they are nearly totally wrecked. An effort to save them was made by employees of the railroad and an engine was hastily hauled into the yard, but owing to the intense heat and dense smoke, the project had to be abandoned, and the cars were left to the flames.

The burned area extended over nearly three acres. The many long, low sheds were picked up one by one, and after all the available fuel had been consumed the flames died down. In a number of the sheds there was a stock of bricks, and this, to a certain extent, was damaged. A watchman is employed about the brick yards at night, and he first discovered the flames. He notified the railroad company by telephone, shortly after the fire broke out, but before assistance arrived the flames had gained great headway.

No accurate estimate of the losses to either railroad company or to the brick company was obtainable last night, though it was placed by some at between \$50,000 and \$75,000. Officials of the brick company stated that they should have to make an examination before an accurate estimate of the damage could be made. There is no explanation as to how the destructive blaze originated.

SCHOOLS AND BOULEVARD.

Subjects Discussed by the Northeast Citizens' Association.

The Northeast Washington Citizens' Association met last night at Northeast Temple, with Evan H. Tucker, the President, in the chair. A wide range of topics were discussed, chief among which were the public schools and the proposed avenue through the Mall.

President Tucker, reporting for the committee on proposed legislation, spoke of the report of the Baltimore and Ohio viaduct bill to the Senate, stating that the committee of the Senate had adopted the amendments which the association had suggested, and that the bill was now before the Senate.

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STREET CLEANING CONTRACTS.

The District Commissioners Pass Upon the Awards.

Warner Stutler the Superintendent of Street Cleaning, has transmitted to the Commissioners a schedule of the bids for cleaning the streets and alleys, and for the removal of ashes, offered at the District Building on May 10.

After calculating and comparing the cost under the different plans submitted in the proposals, Mr. Stutler recommends the awarding of contracts as follows: "That the contract for machine cleaning be awarded to Lilly & Robinson, of Indianapolis, Ind., for three years at the rate of 18 cents for 1,000 square yards, the approximate area being 139,000,000 square yards per annum.

"That the contract for cleaning the unimproved streets be awarded to R. Y. Bunk, of Washington, for three years, at \$4 per day for thirty-five laborers and twelve horses, carts, and drivers.

"That the proposals for collecting and disposing of ashes be held until the application. Envelopes containing proposals should be indorsed 'Proposal for lengthening gun shed.' E. S. BENTON, Q. M. my4,7,15,16.

WASHINGTON BARRACKS, D. C., MAY 13, 1900.—Sealed proposals in triplicate will be received here until NOON, JUNE 6, 1900, for right to accept or reject any or all proposals or any part thereof. Information furnished on application. Envelopes containing proposals should be indorsed 'Proposal for lengthening gun shed.' E. S. BENTON, Q. M. my4,7,15,16.

WASHINGTON BARRACKS, D. C., MAY 13, 1900.—Sealed proposals in triplicate will be received here until NOON, MAY 17TH, 1900, for constructing brick stable here. United States reserve right to accept or reject any or all proposals, or any part thereof. Information furnished on application. Envelopes should be indorsed 'Proposal for brick stable.' addressed to E. S. BENTON, Q. M. my4,7,15,16.

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, WASHINGTON, MAY 13, 1900.—SEALING PROPOSALS endorsed 'Sand Pans' will be received at this office until SATURDAY, MAY 19, 1900, to sell to the District of Columbia five hundred cubic yards of clean, washed sand, for use in the Washington Bathing Beach. Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check for \$5.00 as a guaranty that the bidder will enter into contract if his bid should be accepted. The sand must be delivered at the beach at the rate of one cubic yard per hour, and the sand must be delivered in accordance with the specifications of said beach. Any further information desired may be obtained at this office. The right to reject any and all bids is reserved. H. B. F. MACFARLAND, JOHN W. ROSS, LANSING H. BEACH, Commissioners of the District of Columbia. my14,15.

DEPT. QUARTERMASTER'S OFFICE, WASHINGTON, D. C., MAY 13, 1900.—SEALING PROPOSALS, in triplicate, will be received here until 3 P. M. JUNE 14, 1900, for furnishing during fiscal year ending June 30, 1901, forage, straw, and bran. Information furnished on application. U. S. reserves right to reject or accept any or all proposals, or any part thereof. Envelopes containing proposals should be marked 'Proposals for Forage, Etc.' addressed to E. TRUE, Depot Q. M. my14,15,16,17,18,19.

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LEGAL NOTICES.

(Filed April 27, 1900, J. R. Young, Clerk.) IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, HOLDING AN EQUITY COURT. SAUL D. DISTRICT, Charles Foster, Complainant, vs. The Unknown Heirs of Luke Wheeler, John Cooper, Thomas Truxton, William Plume, John Cooper, Moses Meyer, William Pennock, Thomas Willock, James Ross, Josiah Parker, James Taylor, Jr., Theodorick Armstrong, John Granberry, Alex. MacClure, Francis S. Taylor, J. K. Read, Robert Taylor, and the successors and assigns of Alex. Wilson & Co., Defendants. Equity No. 2120.